

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Roger Lee on 9/8/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims, claim 23 "t = 2" has been replaced by -t = 0--.

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been replaced by the following new Abstract:

#### **"ABSTRACT**

##### **Organophosphorus compounds comprising a polysulfide bridge**

The invention relates to organophosphorus compounds comprising a polysulfide bridge, to their process of preparation and to their use as coupling agent between an inorganic or metal filler and an elastomer. The compounds correspond to the formula (I)  $(RO)_{2-t}R^1_tP(O)-O_x-(CH_2)_Y-S_z-(CH_2)_y-O_x-P(O)(OR)_{2-t}R^1_t$  in which R represents a hydrogen, an alkyl, an aryl, a trialkylsilyl, a trialkylamino or an alkali metal;  $R^1$  represents an alkyl or an aryl; x is 0 or 1; y is an integer from 1 to 22, preferably from 2 to 4; z is equal or larger than 3, t is 0 or 1."

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant is correct. The compound of Joye is not the same as the one claimed by applicant.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later

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than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peter Szekely whose telephone number is (571) 272-1124. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:10 a.m.-4:40 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on (571) 272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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